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Poss vs. Philip Morris, Inc.

The lawsuit of John T. Ross against Philip Morris, Inc. is scheduled to start Monday, June 18, in U. S. District Court at Kansas City, Misscuri, before Judge Floyd Gibson. Ross, a laryngectomee, is seeking \$250,000 damages for respiratory cancer allegedly caused by smoking Philip Morris cigarettes.

Daily reports on highlights of the jury trial will be issued by the Tobacco Institute as was done in the previous suits that have gone to trial.

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